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Dear Dr. Davis:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the draft "State of New Mexico - Statewide Water Quality Management Plan" dated December 20, 2001, and it is technically acceptable.

The final Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP) document should be released for public comment. At the end of the comment period, a letter should be submitted to the EPA Region 6 Water Quality Protection Division Director for formal action. If revisions to the draft document have occurred, please send a copy of the final WQMP document with your submittal. If no changes were necessary, please submit a final cover page for the existing WQMP document with the request to update the WQMP.

New Mexico is to be commended for its continued efforts in maintaining the WQMP in an efficient and timely manner. I appreciate the excellent relationship that your agency has established with us and look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sam Becker".

Sam Becker
Acting Director
Water Quality Protection Division